

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

1. (Withdrawn) A protein having the amino acid sequence set forth under SEQ ID NO:1 in the Sequence Listing.
2. (Withdrawn) A protein having an amino acid sequence with one or more amino acids deleted, substituted, inserted or added relative to the amino acid sequence set forth under SEQ ID NO:1 in the Sequence Listing and which has a property to interact with GDP/GTP exchange factor II.
3. (Allowed) A purified mouse DNA which encodes the protein having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.
4. (Allowed) A purified DNA having the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.
5. (Currently Amended) A purified DNA having a nucleotide sequence with one or more ~~nucleotide~~ codon substitutions relative to the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 which encodes a protein having the amino acid sequence and function of the protein of SEQ ID NO:1.
6. (Allowed) A purified DNA having the nucleotide sequence consisting of the nucleotides 32-4804 of the sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.